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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

FROM: Chief, Arms Control Intelligence Staff

SUBJECT: SIG Meeting on CBW Arms Control, 5 October 1981

1. This entire memorandum is SECRET.
2. The meeting was chaired by Amb. Stoessel. Other attendees included:

State

Richard Burt
David Gompert

NSC

MG Robert Schweitzer
Sven Kraemer

ACDA

Robert Grey
Archelaus Turrentine

OSD

MG Richard Boverie

JCS

LTG Paul Gorman
Col. Bay

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3. The issues for decision at the meeting were:

-- How to proceed on the issue of Soviet compliance with the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) raised by the 1979 outbreak of anthrax in Sverdlovsk and recent evidence on the use of lethal mycotoxins in Southeast Asia.

-- Whether and, if so, how to proceed with chemical weapons arms control negotiations.

4. With regard to Soviet compliance with the BWC, it was agreed to recommend to the NSC that the 1 October demarche to the Soviets (attached) be followed up by:

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-- Using the UN and other international fora to continue to expose Soviet CBW activities

-- Seeking to convene a meeting of States Parties to the BWC to strengthen verification and compliance mechanisms and to maintain pressure on the Soviets

-- Mounting and maintaining a public affairs campaign in support of the above measures

-- Considering, after assessing the results of the above steps, the possibility of taking the issue to the UN Security Council (per the BWC) or withdrawing from the BWC.

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-- US/Soviet bilateral negotiations be allowed to lapse informally and that the US should support multilateral negotiations in the CD.

-- A US negotiating position be developed prior to opening of the CD session scheduled for early next February. The US position on the type of agreement to be negotiated, i.e., comprehensive ban vs more limited prohibitions, would be based on further analysis by the BCW IG to determine the impact of an agreement on US capabilities, including verification.

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Attachment:
As stated

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